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Discover nature's spring songs on pages 2 and 3.

What's for dinner?
Gail Stelter reminisces on dinner traditions on pages 4 and 5.

Mother's Day
Read this week's editorial by Maybelle on page 6.

Fleming College Haliburton School of Art + Design student Logan Patrick McAdams's display was a burst of colour during the school's We Made It! Student Exhibition in the Great Hall on Saturday, April 20. Students from the past spring semester had the chance to show off their work to the community. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

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Spring fling

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Life for critters in Haliburton County gets significantly “wilder” in the spring when the instinctual drive to pass on their genes kicks into high gear. Our local wildlife has some pretty expressive means of making them irresistible to potential reproductive partners. Solicitation of affection can be demonstrated through courtship rituals that include fancy displays of colour and physical prowess, pheromone messaging, evocative drumming and sweet songs.

Some wildlife mating behaviour really fits the title, “spring fling”. For example, the female red squirrel is in heat for only one day but potential dads must catch her first! Watch for this squirrely girlie as she scampers across the ground, corkscrews up tree trunks and leaps acrobatically through trees like she is auditioning for Cirque du Soleil. Mating with multiple males over 24 hours, the female red squirrel is not too particular about the father to be, they just have to be fast and persistent!

Keep an ear out for sounds of drumming echoing in the forest. Woodpeckers drum on any object that reverberates sound. The large pileated woodpecker will seek out dead trees and hollow logs for the best results. Near human habitations, they will target metal signs, eve troughs and garbage cans to make sure their message



The pileated woodpecker is a notorious loud drummer in the spring. /Photo by Ed Poropat

is heard. While working at Haliburton Forest, I noticed that pileated woodpeckers were fond of drumming on hemlock outhouses!

Unlike the woodpecker, the thrumming whumps of the ruffed grouse result from striking nothing but air. The wing beats of the male ruffed grouse create popping sounds which run together into a bold announce-

ment of territory and mating availability. This very evocative drumming starts off slow, building to a blurred crescendo of sound. The wing beats are so fast they produce sound in waves that pile into each other producing a resounding shock wave; a nature-based sonic boom!

One of the most compelling benefits of being surrounded by nature is the connections made to the land, the water and the wildlife who depend on it. Living on the Gull River, I find this wet ribbon of life attracts many species to its banks. For example, every April, before the arrival of warblers and other songbirds, the belted kingfisher returns to defend its property rights and find a mate. With exceptional clarity, the rattling call of this flying fish finder rings out over the river.

This bird is easy to identify with its dagger-like beak and large head topped with shaggy, blue feathers looking like a gelled hairdo in a windstorm. Also distinguished by its erratic flight pattern, the wings are set

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contact Rob Parish at 705-935-1921 or robparish707@yahoo.ca

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When: April 28, Noon to 3 p.m.
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When: May 4, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
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Naturally Yours



The distinct courtship song of the chickadee sounds like, "Hey Sweet-ee". /Photo by Tammy Nash

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back on the body to help streamline their frame for their headfirst dives to catch fish, frogs and insects.

Watching two kingfishers in courtship over the Gull, these frolicking flyers play an aerial game of cat and mouse. One bird circles while the other chases. For a while just one bird circles then, suddenly, the other one darts out from a hidden branch to restart the chase. Long winded rattles echo over the river, sometimes lasting up to 20 seconds.

Unlike the brash rattle of the kingfisher, I also hear the sweet song of the male black-capped chickadee piercing the air like a soft whistle. If you are more of a romantic, the words that phonetically match this song sound like, "Hey sweet-ee", which fits, as one of the reasons the male sings it is to charm a female. For more culinary types, this song may sound like the chickadee

is saying, “Cheese burg-er”!

The first echo of this song can be heard in the still, cold air of February, giving hope that spring is around the corner. After spending the winter foraging in small flocks, with the first hint of spring, the flock disperses. Dominant males claim the winter foraging area as their territory, usually partnering with the previous year's mate, while younger chickadees often are left with less favourable locations. With the intimate knowledge of these vocalizations, other males passing through a claimed territory can discern how dominate the competing males are by the vibrancy of their song.

The spring is a time of transition, renewal and of breeding. With open senses, the sights, sounds and smells of wildlife courtship communication surrounds us, giving us a brief glimpse into part of the natural life-cycle of our local wildlife.

A guide to composters and digesters

DID YOU know that in Canada, a person generates approximately 150 to 200 kg (330 to 440 lbs) of organic waste annually? How could this material be diverted away from landfills and put to better use?

Organics consist of biodegradable products including food scraps, paper products and yard waste. At your home, you could use a backyard composter, digester, or FoodCycler to decompose the organic waste into nutrient-rich compost or biogas through natural processes.



DIYA SINGLA
Special to County Life

Composting is a superb way to transform your organic kitchen waste into fertilizer for gardening with a nutrient-rich compost. Composting creates favourable conditions for microorganisms such as bacteria and fungi to take place, which are responsible for the breakdown. Composting is more than 100 years away from landfills, but it is a sustainable practice and ensuring plant health.

A home composter is one of the simplest things you can do to move closer to a zero-waste lifestyle. There are many styles of composters: conventional bins, tumblers, and worm composters. Throw all organics into the compost along with some dry materials like leaves or shredded paper and after a few days you will have black gold. Stir the compost occasionally to maintain the balance of ingredients, required for successful decomposition.

But what about meat and dairy products that can't

go into a backyard composter?

This is where digesters come in. Digesters are also known as biogas plants or anaerobic digesters that use microorganisms to decompose organic waste in the absence of oxygen.

Digesters are handy for households who have concerns about wildlife like bears. Digesters are more contained than a backyard composter, so tend to be more bear resistant. They can be a good solution as they accept a larger variety of materials, including cooked food, dairy, and even pet wastes.

Whether you use a backyard composter or digester, managing organic waste at home is possible and will help the environment. The more we separate organic waste from the landfills, the more it helps in reducing greenhouse gas emissions, thereby preserving the planet for the future generation by conserving such valuable resources.

In short, composters and digesters offer solutions for household organic waste management. They both allow us to harness the power of nature in turning food scraps and yard trimmings into resources, thereby assisting in reducing our environmental footprints.

So why not give composting or digesting a try?
Your garden – and the planet – will thank you for it!

Dysart ratepayers can purchase a backyard composter or digester at the Haliburton Landfill during regular operating hours. Visit www.dysartetal.ca/compost for more information.

Diya Singla is a student at Fleming College's Waste Resource Management – Environmental program and is doing a co-op placement as a Recycling Educator at the Municipality of Dysart et al.

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Writing on the Senior Side

What do you want to have for dinner?

GAIL STELTER

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Dinner was over, and there was still lots of time until the street lights came on. Most of the kids on our street would be back outside. Would there be a road hockey game? I wanted to skip double dutch. I also hoped there would be an evening game of hide and seek.

First, I crossed the street to the home of my friend, Kathleen to see if she could come out. Her house was older than most of the houses on our street. Across the front, there was an indoor porch; a big long room that was mostly windows and inside was a couch, chair and table. It was the only house on our street that had this kind of porch, and I could imagine what fun it would be to have one too. I would have put my desk, chalkboard and books all in a corner just for me. It would have been my special place. I guessed that since Kathleen also had a big bedroom she didn't need a special porch. Her bedroom was upstairs, and two-story houses were also a rarity on our street. I eagerly anticipated each time I went upstairs to her bedroom. She had more stuffed animals and dolls than I had ever seen in my life and a real doll house. I decided she must be rich.

"Hi Kath, can you come out? I have my skipping rope."

"Hi Gail, we haven't finished dinner, but Mom says you can come in and wait."

"Okay." I made my way to the kitchen at the back of the house.

Oh my, what was this? They were having breakfast for dinner. No, that can't be. Kathleen's family was a "Father Knows Best" family. Her dad always came home for dinner, and they had lovely homecooked meals complete with homemade desserts. They didn't have bacon and eggs, did they? Could this be happening? My family often had breakfast for dinner, but I knew we were different. My worldview was suddenly thrown for a loop. Could it be that we were not so different after all? I remembered that my mom cooked lovely meals and the best homemade pies on her days off and Sundays. Now I wondered if Kathleen's family ever had soup and toast for dinner or a summer dinner of toasted tomato sandwiches and corn on the cob. It was too much to think about, yet it felt good, too. I was normal. My family was normal. How about that!

To this day, I smile as I remember that dinner at Kathleen's. I remember the feeling that maybe we were an almost typical suburban family in the 1950s and 60s. Food was inherent in our under-

standing of societal norms and family histories. I thought spaghetti came from a can until my 17-year-old brother made us real spaghetti. I didn't know there were other kinds of pasta. He also made homemade French fries in a huge cast iron frying pan filled with boiling lard. He showed me how to make chip sandwiches with buttered bread and a sprinkle of vinegar. (My mouth is watering thinking about it).

I thought my mother's British and my father's Irish ancestry guaranteed stew and dumplings, roast beef on Sundays and hamburger meat pies. When my dad made me lunch it was often a nice big chunk of cheddar cheese, dill pickles and fresh rye bread. When my parents had company, they served a late buffet of potato salad, deviled eggs, ham, pickled beets, rye bread etc. I still love the comfort foods of my heritage. Perhaps it was not heritage alone but the combination of heritage and lack of money that kept our meals simple. We seldom went out for dinner, but when we did it was to Viking Fish and Chips on the Queensway. The best fish and chips in Toronto, or so we believed.

One time, we went to Ottawa on a short holiday to see Queen Elizabeth. It was an adventure, and I was in awe to see a real live queen in person. It was also great to have a real family holiday. I won't mention that dad got his usual

speeding ticket on the way. After seeing the Queen, we went out for dinner to a "real" restaurant; one that had lots of different choices on the menu. I had never been to a real restaurant and can you guess what I ordered? Yes, fish and chips. It is still my favourite go-to meal. Halibut, of course. The others are poor substitutes.

When Peter and I were newly married, Swiss Chalet and a small restaurant on Dundas Street in Mississauga that served steak on a bun became best-loved. Swiss Chalet was date night and steak on a bun was the end of a long week: no cooking on Fridays.

Today our life on the senior side begins with morning coffee and the question, "What do you want to have for dinner tonight?"

Oh, to be a cook, to even like cooking would make it so much easier. Well, that's not quite true. I do like to cook some things, especially comfort food like my homemade meatloaf, cabbage rolls, chilli or slow cooker roast beef and tacos. I like things I can prepare in the morning or days before so I don't have to think about cooking at dinner time. I like to barbeque, and the air fryer is perfect for people like me. Did I ever like cooking? No, not even though I

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made dinner every night from the time I was ten years old until I was nineteen. Maybe that’s why I don’t want to do that now. The married thing was great, but holy cow (sometimes it’s just fun to show my age with these old cliches), now I had to cook more and I felt I should grow my repertoire. I tried to be a “suzy homemaker”. Peter was a meat and potatoes man, so new things were not always welcome, and if I put in seeable onions (onions that were not cut short or diced finely and he could see them), I was defeated. Back to bacon and eggs for dinner. Back to the comfort foods of my youth.

I know many of you, men and women, enjoy cooking and excel at it. Your family is fortunate to have you, and you are setting good models for them. Our simple family dinners were, nevertheless, an essential part of daily coming together to laugh and talk, prompted by my question, “Who has good news to share?”

Recently, I have had to deal with another issue. My back has taken control of my cooking life and has decided we can’t stand at the kitchen island longer than a minute or two before the pain takes over. Ah, so sad, too bad. I don’t want to cook anyway. You must concede I have a good excuse.

Life in Canada has changed since my sheltered mid-century childhood, and it is so nice to have lived long enough to enjoy the foods of our multicultural country. We have wonderful spicy and culinary delights right here in Haliburton County.

So, back to the question of the day, “What do you want to have for dinner tonight?”

I’m off to the Portuguese bakery.

Leftovers

Sky, christening spring, as snowflakes brush a seagull’s wings,
sharing Air with a pair of geese and a blue jay that flutters past, its feathers, painting Air,
as I stand at the window, opening it a sliver, to let wisps of spring slink in,
blinking up at all the snowflakes, swirling through Air, tiny as crumbs, leftovers that winter leaves behind,
melting as soon as they reach the ground, millions of them, floating out there,
as I open the window another crack, and hold out my hand, feeling the snow crumbs land in my palm,
these tiny white beads, these seeds from Sky, that birthed spring while the hills and Lakes and Rivers slept,
the earth, shrouded in darkness, the moment spring squirmed into being,
the Moon, glowing, the Rivers flowing, even as they slept, spring slinking through the hills,
its Breath skimming the limbs and branches of trees, where buds still sleep, creeping along the forest floor,
seeping into cracks in the earth, where seeds squirm, waiting to burst into the world, as winter clings,
its Wind battering this newborn spring, as I open the door and step Outside, inhaling the rawness of morning,
greeting the grass and trees and Sky, watching seagulls and a Vee of geese glide past,
wondering what this spring will bring, as Wind slices through me and I curl into my coat, like a seed in its pod,
scowling at winter as it tries to trample spring, peering down at the flattened patches of grass, pale as straw,
wondering whether this see-saw of thaw and freeze confuses the trees and Vees of geese, flapping across Sky,
returning to the Lakes and Rivers they know, their feathers, quivering as they reach that familiar place,
a skin of ice or crust of Snow, maybe still sealing the spot where they rest, as snowflakes melt into their wings,
these harbingers of spring, that flap their way across the highway of Sky,
sharing space with the seagulls, that never left,
their squawks colliding with honks, blaring up in Sky, on this first day of spring,
clashing with winter that refuses to retreat, as Wind hurls a leftover leaf from last fall, across the grass,
its face, crumpled and brown, as it lands at the base of a maple tree,
and I wonder whether it will remain there long enough, to witness the unfurling of newborn leaves,
waiting to bud on the branches of its old tree.

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Editorial

For your Mama, don'tcha know

DEAR READER:
Well, wouldn't you know, Mother's Day is upon us and ol' Maybelle is over the moon giddy, feeling as warm as freshly baked bread from the oven just thinking about it. Why, thanks to our ancient sisters wayyyy back when who first created a festival honouring their cherished goddesses and such, and then morphing over time into the official Mother's Day as we know it, back in the 1800s, today we celebrate our mother and all mothers around the world who let us come forth screaming and crying and messing up perfectly clean diapers, don'tcha know. Diapers that they had to make themselves. Think about it. There were no such things as Pampers and diaper services back then.



Now, ol' Maybelle was lucky. My mother was not only loved by me, why Lotty Maybeline Juniper Morton was loved by everyone who knew her. Why, her smile alone could light up a room. No worries about a power outage in our house. And she was so kind and generous, warm and funny. And oh my, could my mama cook! Give her a recipe and she'd twirl it on the end of a spatula and make wonderment come out of the oven. Why, you'd think I'd be



big as a house growing up with such a great cook for a mama. But, not unlike Lotty, I grew up looking more like a beanpole than a pear... until I discovered Kawartha Dairy Pralines and Cream years later when it was finally invented, don'tcha know.
Now, Mother's Day didn't just appear out of the blue. It started with social justice advocate, poet and author, Julia Ward Howe who issued her inspired "Mother's Day Proclamation" back in 1870, when it called upon mothers of all nationalities to band together for world peace. You see, she had nursed and tended the wounded during the civil war, and worked with widows and orphans of soldiers on both sides of the war, and realized that the effects of war

go far beyond the killing of soldiers in battle. Why, if she didn't urge women to "rise up through the ashes and devastation," urging a Mother's Day dedicated to peace.
Although it wasn't until 1914, after the untiring efforts of Anna Jarvis of Philadelphia, that it became a national holiday and a "public expression of our love and reverence for all mothers," it feels extremely appropriate to ol' Maybelle to hold, once again, the timely importance of Julia Ward Howe's cry for world peace, as top of mind on this Mother's Day.
Here is an excerpt from Julia Ward Howe's, *Mother's Day Proclamation*.
"Our sons shall not be taken from us to unlearn all that we have been able to teach them of charity, mercy, and patience. We women of one country will be too tender of those of another country to allow our sons to be trained to injure theirs. From the bosom of the devastated earth a voice goes up with our own. It says, 'Disarm, disarm! The sword is not the balance of justice. Blood does not wipe out dishonour nor violence indicate possession.'
With this in mind, dear reader, I wish you and yours a very happy, loving, and peaceful Mother's Day!

Maybelle's Fireside Stories is written by Jerelyn Craden. "Maybelle's Cure for What Ails You," 21 of Maybelle's best short stories is now available at www.amazon.com.

Top 10 reasons why that turkey didn't come to your call

- Now that turkey season is here, many hunters might be wondering why the gobbler they were calling never came over to the hen you were pretending to be. Here are the top 10 reasons why.
1. Could you have sounded any more desperate?
 2. He is already in a committed relationship.
 3. Just got over a bad break-up. He needs a little more "me time".
 4. Got shot at on opening day. Now hard of hearing
 5. You might think you call well, but what you said was highly offensive.
 6. Honestly, he was just not that into you.
 7. Far more interested in that domestic turkey down the road.
 8. Would prefer to text first for a while.
 9. Romance is dead.
 10. He's sworn a vow of celibacy.



STEVE GALEA

Humour Columnist



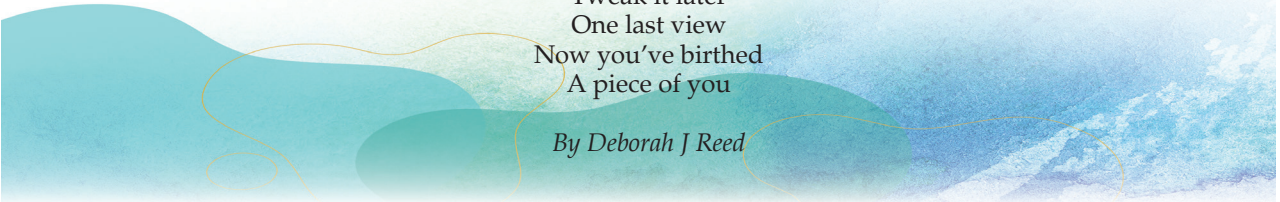
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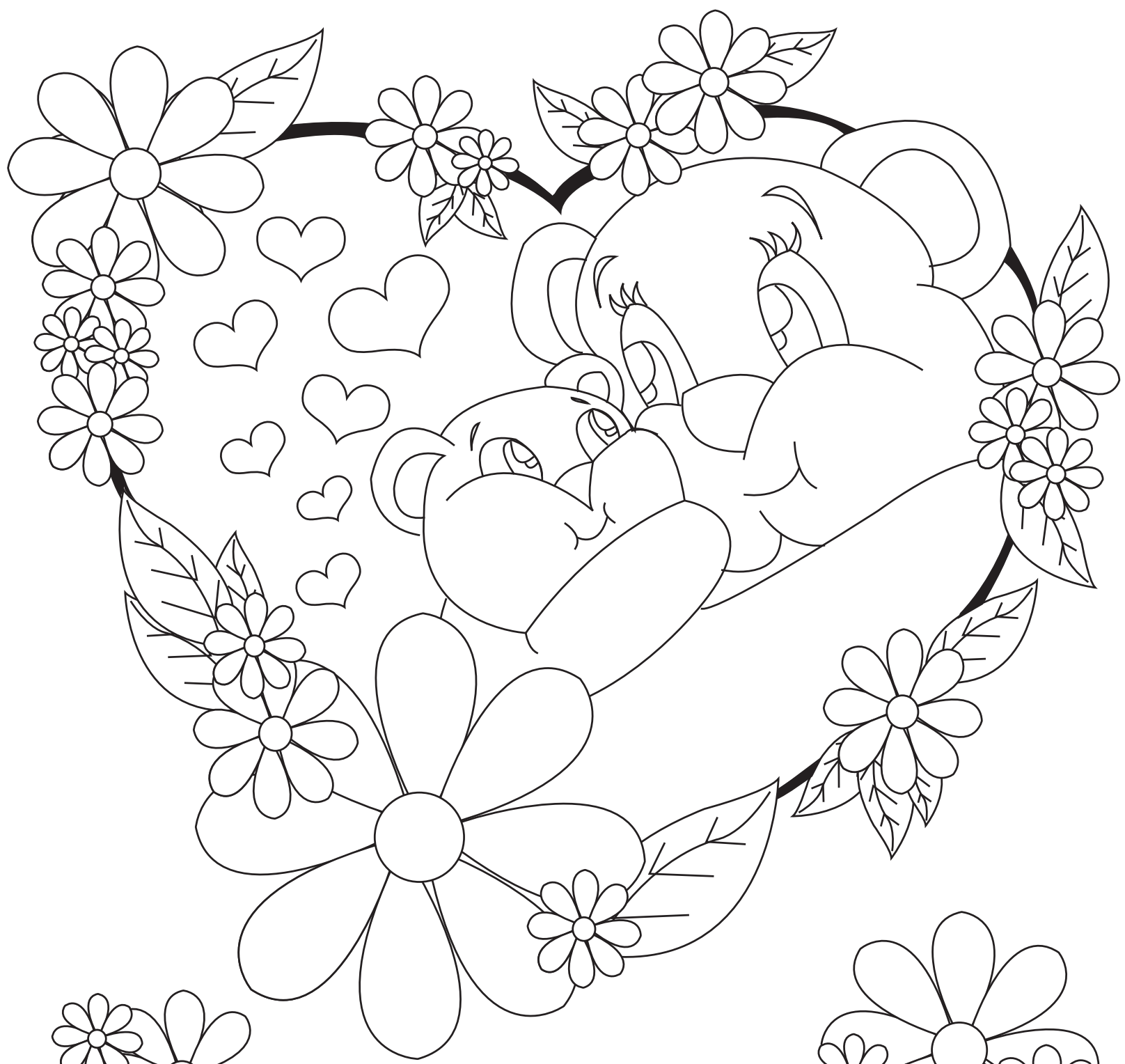
Watercolour one

(on learning landscape techniques with local artist Gord Jones)

Pull a paintbrush
Fill a cup
Eye a colour
Make one up
Wet your paper
Dab the top
Let the pigment
Flow, then stop
Soon, with value
Clouds will form
Add more tinge
To make them warm
Where your sky
Meets solid land
Leave some whiteness
Extra grand
From the foreground
Stretch some trees
Thin or thick
Your eye to please
Lastly when
Most edges dry
Darken shades
Or damp apply
Stroll away
When painting knows
When it's finished
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Tweak it later
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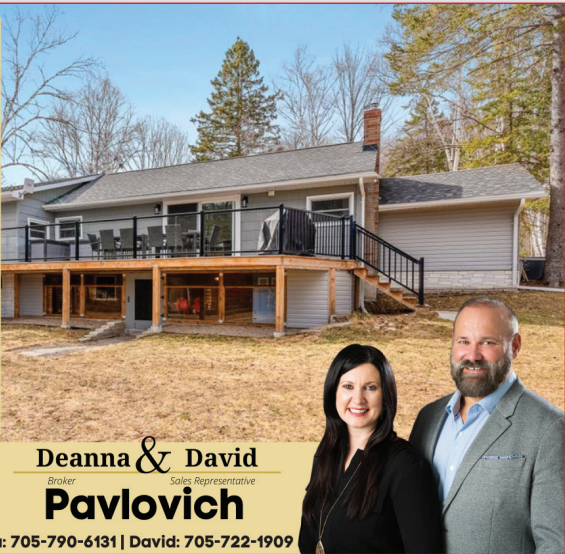
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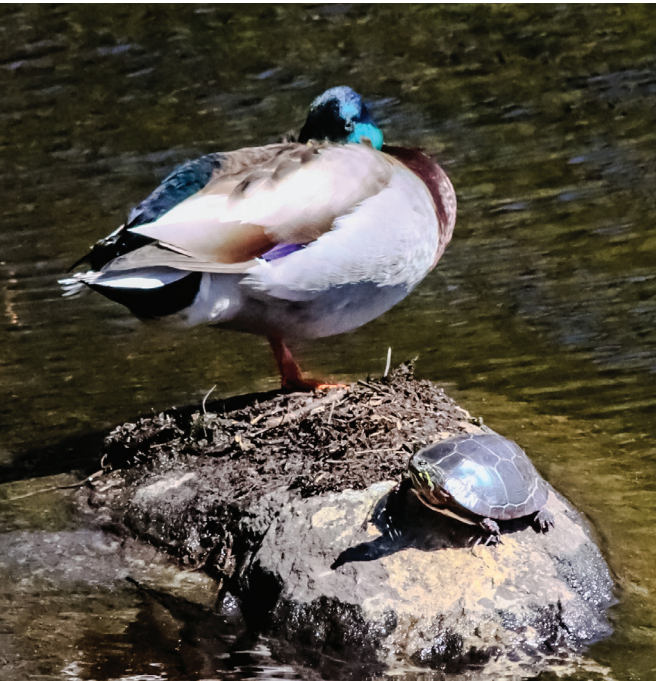


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The fire risk in Haliburton County has been lowered from high to moderate since last Thursday's thundershowers, but the Ministry of Natural Resources' ban on open fires is still in effect across Ontario.

The storm dumped 25.6 mm of rain on dry county forests.

However the fire operations manager for the MNR Haliburton office, Tom Russell, said that unless more rain comes the fire risk could increase again.

Since last Tuesday, May 12, it has been prohibited in most of the province to have any open fires. Barbeques and gas stoves are allowed.

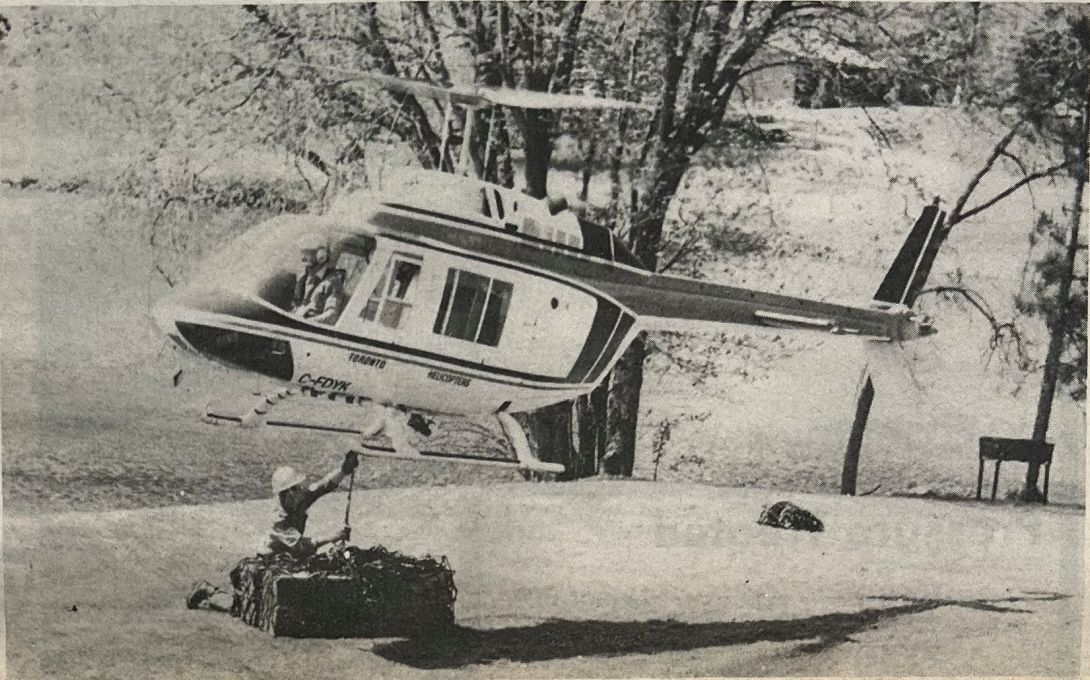
In the last two weeks the Haliburton MNR fire centre has sent crews to 12 forest fires in the county. So far this spring they have put out 18 fires.

Because of the dry weather, the fires are much larger. The Union Creek fire near Kinmount on May 9 destroyed 200 acres of forest and brush and a fire in Stanhope the day before burned 18 acres.

Five local fire departments and two MNR crews fought the Union Creek blaze, which was started when a tree became tangled in a power line. It took them about 18 hours to get it under control.

In normal years the MNR crews are usually able to extinguish forest fires before they've burned an acre. This year however, the average blaze has consumed 20 acres before being put out.

To make work easier for the ministry fire crews and to save our forests, county residents are asked to be extremely careful with fire.



The recent rash of forest fires in the Minden MNR District prompted the ministry to station a helicopter at its Haliburton Fire Control Centre. The craft, seen here lifting off with a load of supplies, was used to survey fires in progress, the extent of damage, assist in bringing fire crews to the blazes and help in dousing the flames by water bombing the fires. For a report on the forest fire situation, see page 10.



HHSS athletes once again turned in a superior performance at the COSSA championships held May 7 in Peterborough. These students will now advance to Eastern Ontario finals this week in Ottawa. Among the qualifiers are, from the left, front row, Darren Warburton and Gavin McKnight. Second row, Ted Paish, Lori-Ann Duguay, Blake Callard. Third row, Marty Andrews, Lesley Tashlin, Ron Perrin. Back row, Alex Little, John Vanderhorst, Trevor Powers and Darren Whittaker. For a complete report on the athletes' activities see page 14.

Property owners object
to Kushog development

The Kushog Lake Property Owners' Association has expressed concern about the proposed Beau Valley resort development.

In a letter to Stanhope council, the president of the association, Norma Goodger said property owners of Kushog Lake had expressed "a wide variety of concerns" when informed of the details of the proposed development.

Goodger said in her letter, "it is imperative that our association be kept informed of any changes in zoning on Kushog Lake."

Minden resident Joe Warder announced last January that he was planning to develop Beau Valley farms, a riding stable on the Queen's Line, into a resort complex including a lodge, an archery range, an arena, a trout pond, and a waterfront recreation area on Lake Kushog.

Warder estimated the cost of the development at about 10 million dollars.

However, since agreeing to the proposal in principle last winter, neither Stanhope nor Anson, Hindon and Minden councils have heard anything more from Warder.

At the Stanhope council meeting last Wednesday reeve Harry Davis said he thought Goodger's concerns about the Beau Valley

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Students begin
SADD chapter

One thing Tracy Miscio and Donna Ireland want to get straight is that they're not against drinking. But what they don't like is people who drink and drive.

The two Haliburton Highlands Secondary School grade 11 students are firm on this point and to get it across to the rest of the community, they've formed SADD, also known as Students Against Drunk Driving.

The purpose of the group is to publicize the problem of drunk driving and in this way, to encourage people to stop it.

Membership in SADD is open to everyone at the High School.

"We want make people aware of what's happening, says Tracy. "We want them to realize that no one has the right to take someone else's life just because they're drunk."

The two students got the idea to start the group in their Man and Society class about a month ago.

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